

# The Hamsplatter

A Newsletter for the Fort Wayne Radio Club Members

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## Cliff Notes:

What happened when John Bobbitt dialed 911 on his Cellular phone? He got cut off! And did you know that some people have purchased Cellular phones just to tell their spouse "I love you". That's the facts according to Mark Krumpton Gen Mgr of GTE Cellular Services. Mark, \$a good ole' boy from Alabama † gave a great presentation last month. If you missed it you missed a good one.

Today while writing this article a fellow ham stopped by and advised me that it was 73 degrees outside. Is it really true? Is the warm weather finally here? Or am I suffering from low doses of RFI. Finally what we have been waiting for is here. And along with the warm weather comes our own Jerry Young K9JHE. Jerry is employed by the Indiana and Michigan Elec Co. His expertise in tracking line interference will make a fine program for April. Jerry will be bringing the I+M interference/ surveillance van with him. Tours and demos will be available. I'm looking forward to having Jerry and this program. You don't want to miss it!

There are two other fine functions of the FWRC on the horizon. The Spring Banquet \$May 20th† will be held at the clubhouse (Salem Church on Lake Avenue). There will be "no charge" for the banquet. We do ask that you bring a covered dish. The main food items, etc. will be covered by the FWRC. The program is set and will appeal to all.

Plans are well underway for June 24,25,26. We're going to have a field day and what a field day it will be. Keep your eyes on the mailbox. We will soon be contacting volunteers and persons whose expertise in past Field Day operations will be most valuable. An organization meeting will take place on Monday, Apr 25, 7:00 pm at the Fish of Stroh on Goshen Rd. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

By the time this Hamsplatter reaches your door or very soon after, we will probably have a new family member of the FWRC. Yes, I am speaking of "Baby Deventer". The baby face will be seen on ATV Station N9MKC "Live from Hometown". Keep posted for viewing times in your area! Looks like Dave has went and killed the rabbit. Good luck to Dave, Teresa and the new arrival. Or should I say "Mom and Dad" Hi.

Well folks that about wraps it up for this version of "Cliff's Notes". We have added 10 new members to our club since January. I want to thank them for coming aboard. If anyone needs information on our club history, events, programs, or materials please call me \$483-2526† or ask any board member. See' at the meetin' and like always plenty of hot coffee and donuts for all.

"Saloon for now"

73's, Cliff N9MKB

This month's meeting will take place on Friday, April 15, 1994, 7:30 pm at the Salem Church of Christ on Lake Avenue, Ft Wayne.

## Please!

Don't take any of the donuts or drinks outside of the meeting room of the church. We had a small mess left in the kids room last month which was not detected or cleaned up by the lock-up crew.

Going to exotic Hamfest locals? Help pull for the Club! Please take a handful of Summit City Hamfest flyers with you and either pass out to vendors or put on the general distribution table. Spreading the word helps us grow. Call 637-6426 and John or Jean will see that you get a supply of flyers to take with you. Thanks, John K9UWA.



## New Form 610 Released

The FCC has released the new edition of our beloved 610 form. It has fewer "fill-in-the-blanks" and more pages of instructions. What more could you ask for in a government document? Anyway, if you are getting ready to upgrade, go for your first license, or just need to change your address, give Bill Kindred, WA9RAP a call. He has several copies available for club personnel. He also is the cub custodian of the call books, both US and international. If you don't have access to a local packet "call book" and need to find the address for that "hot" DX QSL, give Bill a call.

## March Minutes

*The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:*

The March meeting of the FWRC was called to order by President Cliff Shreeve N9MKB on Friday March 18, 1994 at 7:40 PM. Introductions followed. The February minutes were read by Jean Anderson N9PXF standing in for the secretary and were approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

\* Bill Hall brought up for discussion that the board work with the technical committee to decide how much money should be kept in the repeater fund. It was decided in the past that the fund should be kept for emergency purposes and that the present repairs and maintenance would be taken out of the general fund.

\* The new voice recorder for the '76 repeater has been received, but the controller has not yet arrived. Jerry Young will install them and will also inspect the '91 autopatch to determine the cause of the recent dial-up problems. He is looking for any volunteers who would be interested in learning how to perform maintenance and repairs on the Club repeaters.

\* Bill Hall brought up in the discussion that some of the problems with the autopatch are due to the timing as well as the tones, as they are both critical. Dialing too quickly or too slow will often result in an error alarm (2 tone warble). Dialing while driving can also be inconsistent, given the road noise, multipath, and other line-of-sight complications.

\* Bill Kindred reported on the Code and Theory Classes. There are 6 people in the class and everyone has had some previous experience with the code. We wish to thank Julian Franke, Bill Kindred, Kris Staller, and Gene Mount for teaching the class.

\* The Spring Banquet is Friday May 20th, 7:30 PM at the church. Jean N9PXF has been asked to be chairman and to set up the committees needed for the banquet.

\* Field Day is June 24, 25, and 26. We need more volunteers. There will be an organization meeting April 25 7PM at the Fish of Stroh on Goshen Rd. Instead of a chairman, we will get together, share ideas, and distribute the responsibilities.

\* With a looming increase in postal rates, and a reclassification of bulk rates for Clubs like ours, it will be more economical to return to bulk mailing. This will take place in May. If you or anyone you know did not receive their Hamsplatter please see the treasurer so we can get you on the mailing list.

\* The President apologized to Carl Rittenhouse and thanked him for his help in orchestrating the foxhunts. Jim Pliett K9OMA reported that the foxhunts are becoming more fun and challenging. The hunt boundaries are within Allen county. He described the techniques necessary to "find" a fox and gave the rules. A written copy of the rules can be obtained from him. The winner of a foxhunt is not necessarily the first person to find the fox. Total time and mileage are taken into account. The lowest combined score is the winner. The next hunt is scheduled for April 27, 13:45 at the 4-H fairgrounds. If you don't have any equipment, there is always room to ride with someone.

\* John Goller has asked for the Club to arrange for a new Hamfest Chairman for next year. He will be willing to help the new chairman.

\* Jerry Young K9JAG will speak on audio equipment used to detect power line noise. He will be bringing the van used by I&M for everyone to tour.

\* Harry Harvey asked about Club QSL cards. Bob Streeter AB9U said that the Club still has over 2500 cards at Prototype ready for your call to be put on them. The information on the cost and ordering information would be published in the Hamsplatter.

\* **UPDATE** \* As of the newsletter deadline, Cliff reported that the Prototype manager was not cooperating fully with us and is insisting on sending all of the blank cards back to us. For this reason, the ordering information will not be published in this months Hamsplatter.

\* Sunday May 15 is the Tri-County Hamfest. VE testing will be available on-site.

\* Bill Hall has the EOC cards. Please see him if you have not picked yours up yet.

The program was on Cellular Communications Networks in Indiana. It was presented by Mark Krumpton of GTE Cellular Communications and was well received.

*Respectfully submitted, Jean Anderson, N9PXF*



## HT Autobroadcast Bug

- Submitted by Bob Taylor, N9TLY

I want to apologize to all whose QSO's have been interrupted by a random series of musical tones, a melody, of about 2 seconds duration. It was by chance that I discovered that it was my HT transmitting that melody!

I discovered that the YEASU FT-530 has a unique programming conflict that I have inadvertently activated. I have talked with YEASU and they agree with my analysis of the problem and said that they were aware of it. Of course, there is no mention of it in the manual!

Here's what happens: when APO, the Automatic Power Off feature, is activated, the FT-530 will emit a musical warning 1 minute prior to shutdown. That feature by itself is not the problem - but, if you ALSO program the HT for VOX operation (which is only supposed to work with the YH-2 VOX headset), the APO musical warning also activates the VOX and lo --- the HT transmits the warning melody! Problem identified and eliminated!

Since there may be other who have this model HT in the area, I thought that I would bring the problem to your attention. I have talked to the folks at the ARRL, particularly since they just did a product review of the FT-530 in QST, and they were astounded by the situation.

(This anomaly may occur with other model and manufacturers HT's. Keep this in mind when programming your radios! - ed.)

## ARRL Internet Connection

Greetings from ARRL headquarters! The services that the ARRL provides via the Internet include the Technical Information Service (TIS) and the Automated Information Server (AIS). The AIS provides information about Amateur Radio ranging from frequently asked questions about the hobby to info on the current developing technology used in the hobby. To find out more about this service, send an e-mail message to [info@arrl.org](mailto:info@arrl.org) with the subject line "Request" and the following text in the body of the message: "send help quit". NOTE! Your message will not be read by a person - this is a software driven service that needs to be sent messages of the proper format.

There is a knowledgeable technical staff here at ARRL HQ. Questions relating to Amateur Radio and related technical topics are welcome.

To use this service, send a normal e-mail message to [tis@arrl.org](mailto:tis@arrl.org) with your question spelled out in plain english. For best service, be as specific as possible and keep your line length in messages to a maximum of 80 characters. Incoming messages will either be answered by me or redirected to the appropriate ARRL staff member for a reply. If you have any questions about these services, please let me know. Thank you for contacting the ARRL Technical Information Services.

73. Michael Tracy, KC1SX ARRL TIS Coordinator  
(e-mail [mtracy@arrl.org](mailto:mtracy@arrl.org))

## DX News Summary

- ARRL DX by KB8NW/OBS & BARF-80 BBS

1B, TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS (TRNC). Baldur, DJ6SI, is currently active as 1B/DJ6SI. His activity is mainly CW on all bands. At the present the TRNC does not have DXCC country status, but recently Igor, KU0J, has filed a petition for country status, which the DXAC is currently studying.

7O, YEMEN. GREAT NEWS!! On March 30th, the club radio station of 7O1AA was activated again by Achmed, a Yemen native who has returned to the country and was also once ex-HZ1FM. He has repaired equipment that was left behind in Yemen by Paul, F6EXV. Check 14226.5 Family Hour Net starting around 1600z or try 14243 kHz at 1500z with OE6EEG as net control. It has also been mentioned, that Achmed may show up with Zedan (JY3ZH) on the Arabian Nights Net (14250 kHz at 0600z). QSL via Box 485, Aden, Yemen.

9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. 9Y4TSB is a new operator who only has had his license for a couple of months. He was heard on 21360 kHz between 2000 and 2100z. QSL to: Trueman Braithwaite, Bon Accord, Tobago - West Indies.

FT, KERGUELEN ISLAND. Pierre, FT5XJ, was heard this past weekend for over an hour on 14288 kHz beginning around 0315z. QSL via F5NLL.

VE8YEV, HENDRICKSON ISLAND. Operators VE8CF, VE8EV, VE8GC and VE8NC, from the Inuvik Amateur Radio Club, will begin operations at 2300z on April 8th from this not-yet-activated NWT (Inuvik Region) IOTA island group. They plan an around the clock operation on 20 meters and 15 meters, as well as some low band and satellite operations. QSL direct to any of the operators or via the bureau.



## For Sale...

Tower: EZ-Way 40 ft 2-piece crank-up, motorized base/rotor. Tower cranks up to 80 ft and the whole assembly rotates with the base. Mosley TA-33 tri-band beam antenna, guy wires, and misc hardware included. The whole system is on the ground and is ready for pick-up. Asking \$500.00 Kris, KF9AW

Computer: 386DX 25 MHz, 4 Meg RAM  
120 Meg Hard Drive, HD 5.25 and 3.5"  
Floppies, SVGA Monitor w/ 1 Meg video  
RAM, 33 MHz math co-processor, Mini  
tower case. Sound Blaster Pro audio card  
included. \$900.00 KF9AW

Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.91, KR9U, or on 144.97, W9INX.

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### 1994 MEMBERSHIP DATA:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS:    N    T    G    A    E

MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK TELEPHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SHALL WE LIST YOUR ADDR/PHONE IN MEMBER ROSTER?    Y    N ARRL MEMBER?    Y    N

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MEMBERSHIP TERM: (JAN-DEC) (JULY-DEC, July 1-Dec 31 ONLY)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00/yr \$10.50/yr immediate family(list all calls)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr licensed member

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 6.00/yr \$3.00/yr full time student

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

YOUR CHECK NUMBER # \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB, INC.  
ITS EASY! SEND YOUR ARRL RENEWAL FORM AND A CHECK (payable to FWRC) TO THE CLUB.

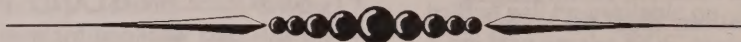
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### FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder.

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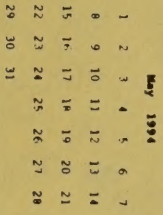

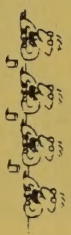
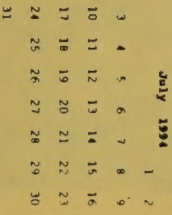
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**Repeaters: 146.16/.76 449.875/444.875 (Voice) 146.31/.91 (Autopatch)  
439.25/910.25 (Video) 144.34 (Aux sound input to video)**



# June 1994 - Communications Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Whitley ARES 00:15	2	3	4 ARRL VHF QSO >
5 Swap Net 00:30 Sloppy Code 02:00	6 < ARRL VHF QSO  D-Day 50th anniversary	7 Hunt ARES 01:00  TNT 20:00	8 Whitley ARES 00:15	9  FWRC Board 19:30	10	11 ANARTS RTTY >  VE Testlong VanWert Contact KA8IAF
12 Swap Net 00:30 Sloppy Code 02:00	13  Fort Wayne FoxHunt 19:00 AC Fairgrounds	14 Hunt ARES 01:00  TNT 20:00	15 Whitley ARES 00:15	16	17  FWRC Meeting 19:30	18 Milford OH Hamfest
< ANARTS RTTY						
19 Swap Net 00:30 Sloppy Code 02:00	20	21 Hunt ARES 01:00  TNT 20:00	22 Whitley ARES 00:15	23	24	25 ARRL Field Day >
Moore MI hamfest						FWRC Chicken Dinner
26 Swap Net 00:30 Sloppy Code 02:00	27	28 Hunt ARES 01:00  TNT 20:00	29	30		
< ARRL Field Day						

Check QST and CQ for Contest Times and Rules

[Key: > Event begins < Event ends]

NET FREQS: TNT 146.76 Murphy Swap 146.94 Sloppy Code 7.1405 Huntington ARES 146.685 Whitley ARES 147.150

Daily Nets: Ft Wayne 6m 50.58 (simplex) 00:00 | IMO Traffic 146.88 23:30 | 21 Repeater Group 147.150 02:00 | Auburn 147.360 23:00





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